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# Sanford downs Ohio State on last second shot



STEVEN WRIGHT  
Sports Editor

In the final 10 seconds, both teams had a final shot to keep their tournament chances alive.

The No. 11-seed University of Dayton men's basketball team made that shot. No. 6-seed The Ohio State University did not.

Redshirt senior guard Vee Sanford had 10 points, the biggest being his contested runner in the lane with 3.8 seconds remaining, leading Dayton to defeat Ohio State 60-59 Thursday, March 20, in the second round of the NCAA tournament at the First Niagara Arena in Buffalo, N.Y.

"Obviously, an incredible finish," head coach Archie Miller said. "We're really proud of how our guys prepared and approached the battle against what we consider an elite team."

The game was consistently back-and-forth until the final second.

The team's traded baskets into the final five minutes, but a flagrant foul called on OSU senior guard Aaron Craft on redshirt junior guard Jordan Sibert with 2:35 remaining gave UD some breathing room.

Ohio State (25-10) didn't go away, and scored five straight with a jumper by junior forward Sam Thompson that gave them the lead again with under a minute left.

Sophomore forward Dyshawn Pierre was fouled shooting a 3-pointer on the next trip down with 26.3 to go. Hitting all three, UD regained the lead.

OSU still didn't go away as Craft gave them the lead with 15.5 left on a layup.

However, out of the final timeout, Miller put the ball in Sanford's hands, who made the running drive down the right side of the paint. Craft's underhand scoop shot in the final second rimmed out, and Dayton survived the battle.

"We've probably drawn up a play like that and I messed it up previously," Sanford said. "He just kept his trust in me, and I'm just thankful that the shot went in."

Dayton had five players score at least nine points. Pierre had 12, and senior forward Devin Oliver and Sanford scored 11.

Both teams went over three minutes without a field goal as the half was coming to a close, before a flurry of buckets from Dayton gave them a 9-3 run and a 33-30 advantage into the break.

It set up the frantic pace and intensity of the second half, where in the end, Dayton hit its shot and Ohio State did not.

It was UD's first win over Ohio State since Dec. 19, 1987, and its first win in the NCAA tournament since 2009.





# UD back on collegiate map with Syracuse victory



Redshirt junior guard Jordan Sibert (24) scored 10 points, including a 3-pointer with 47.7 seconds remaining in the game. Sibert also had two assists and two steals in 38 minutes. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/PHOTO EDITOR



Dyshawn Pierre led the Flyers in the scoring column with 14. The Flyers held off the Orange to advance to the Sweet 16.

## STEVEN WRIGHT Sports Editor

Making the Sweet 16 is important for any college athletics program, but the fashion in which the University of Dayton men's basketball team fought its way there gave it the credibility it needed.

"Credibility. You know, I think the big thing is credibility and what we do works," head coach Archie Miller said after his team's 55-53 win over Syracuse University in the third round of the NCAA Tournament, Saturday, March 22, at the First Niagara Arena in Buffalo, N.Y. "We didn't walk into a place and have just a stockpile of young kids in our program. We inherited eight scholarship players, four of which were seniors.

"We never deviated from developing the guys we had. We never deviated from the plan of bringing guys in to fit the style of play. And we never deviated from evolving and getting better each day and sticking with the plan 365 days a year."

The plan has worked quicker than expected.

In his third year as head coach, Miller's team made it to the second weekend of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 30 years. To do so, it had to win nine of its last 10 games in the regular season just to make the tournament, and then knocked off The

Ohio State University and Syracuse University. The latter game was more impressive, as it came in front of a pro-Orange crowd in Buffalo, roughly two hours away from Syracuse.

"It was really tough," sophomore forward Dyshawn Pierre said. "It feels good for sure. I mean anyone getting into the Sweet 16 feels good. We really stuck together."

Sticking together has been the key for the Flyers all season, dating back to the beginning of the year when "togetherness" was the initial motto. Using 11 players on the floor in each game, every UD player has been able to leave a mark on what has become the Dayton way.

Freshman forward Kendall Pollard said that togetherness has always been the plan for success to start this season.

"Coming from a program like where I came from, we won a state title every year," Pollard said. "I just expected to win no matter who it was. I'm happy for my team."

The freshman's response was more than senior forward Devin Oliver was able to put into words.

"It's unexplainable, man, especially for me," Oliver said. "I had a coaching change early on in my college career. Coach Miller came and it's been a process... To come back this year, my senior year, with this group of guys to be able to get to the Sweet 16, it's unexplainable."

This Thursday will be the first time the Flyers have played in the Sweet 16 since 1984. The team advanced to the Elite Eight that year before coming up short of its first Final Four appearance since making the national championship game in 1967.

Can Dayton make it that far in the tournament this season?

"Who knows?" sophomore guard Khari Price said. "We're just going to keep riding this momentum, keep believing in ourselves and keep working hard. Wherever it takes us, it takes us."

No matter how far Dayton's NCAA Tournament journey takes them, the Flyers have surpassed expectations.

They've put themselves back into the discussion across the country by winning on the big stage against some of the biggest of programs in the college basketball landscape.

"I'm happy for the institution," Miller said. "I'm happy for our fans. When I say 'great tradition,' there are a lot of people that have been going to our arena [for] 20, 30, 40 years who have seen great moments.

"There's a lot of great places, but if you're a player at our place, you experience the same stuff that you can experience at Syracuse in terms of the way they're cared about and treated."

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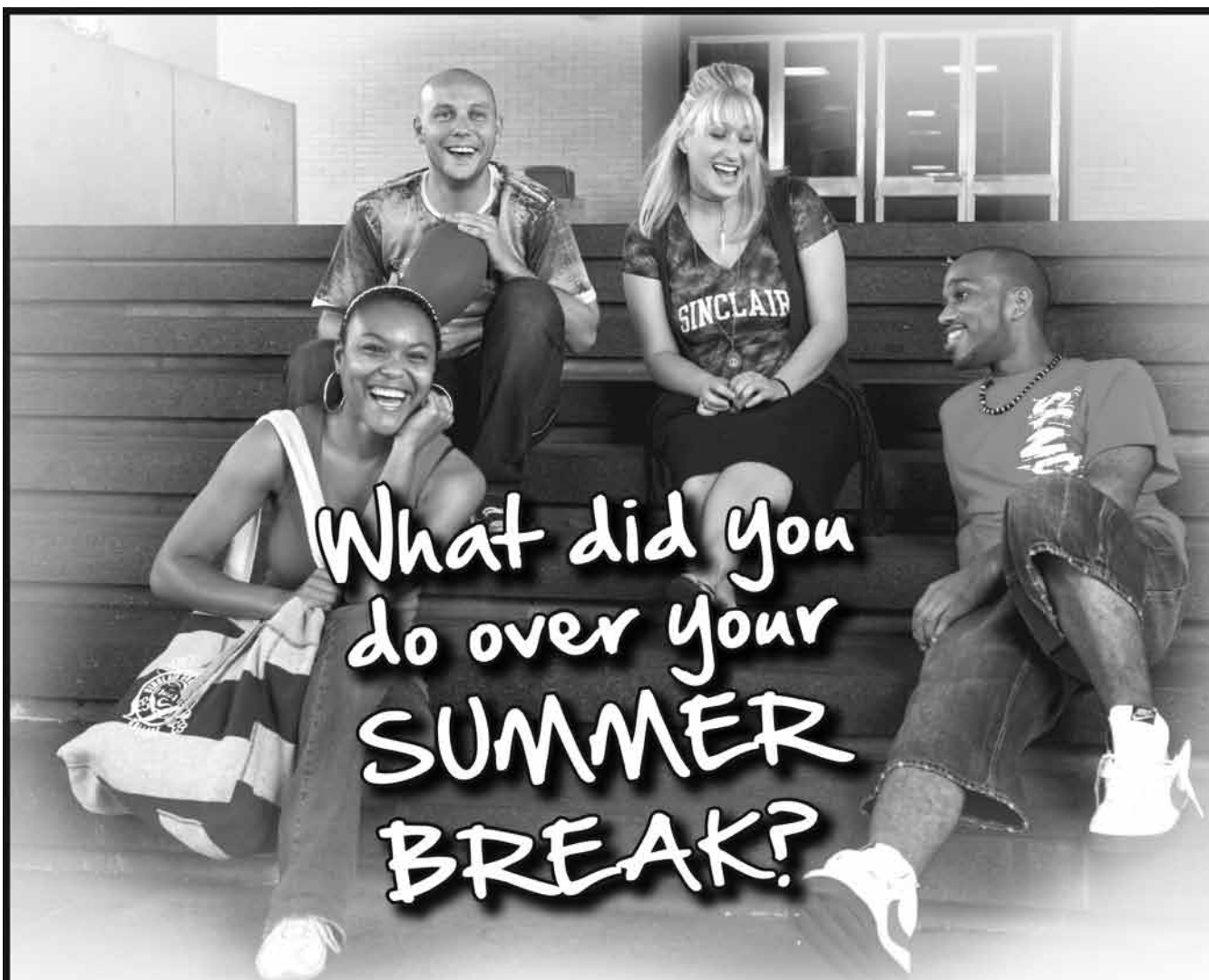
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## OWNERSHIP:

A CULTURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY MAKES CELEBRATIONS SAFE, MORE FUN

There is an indisputable need for caution when partygoers number in the thousands, and a legitimate concern for the safety of people and property caught in the middle of such a crowd. When a large number of students rushed the streets of the Ghetto this weekend, a response from law enforcement was inevitable.

It's not clear whether it was because of the lessons students learned from past incidents on campus or the presence of law enforcement at the scene, but the negative consequences from Saturday's celebration were relatively limited in number and scope.

Saturday's events were the result of anything but drunken premeditation. Instead, a spontaneous out-pouring of shock, awe and pride on behalf of students, administrators, alumni and members of the community manifested itself on Kiefaber Street that night and united a student body.

A mentality is developing among the student body to deal with celebrations like this. We are holding each other responsible for our actions. On Saturday, acts of passivity were outnumbered by instances of accountability, and that, combined with the joyful attitude, made the difference in the outcome.

Local law enforcement leaders have promised a swift and stern response to disruptions, with assistant chief Bob Chabali of the Dayton Police saying, "We're going to be out in mass and the reaction is going to be extremely quick and assertive."

The pressure is on to keep ourselves in check.

We encourage the campus community to stay involved with each other, and not be distracted by media attention from websites like Barstool, Brobible and #TotalFratMove. Instead of focusing on UD's 15 minutes of fame on BuzzFeed, let's focus on the now. Enjoy your unique community during the happiest time the Flyer community has seen in years.

Take the opportunity to set the standard for UD celebrations, instead of looking to our couch-burning past.

## Not about scores, but emotions



MATTHEW WORSHAM  
Asst. Opinions Editor

On Saturday, I learned why we write about sports.

Not the practical "why," as in "why do we write about sports," but what I would say is the more subjective "why should we write about sports." What I mean is that I think Saturday night proved why, in the grand scheme of society, "sport" as a topic deserves a place in our written record. I had it wrong the whole time. It's not about the game. It's about the people.

Until this weekend, I never understood what sports could do. Sure, they're fun, and on a personal level, they have provided some amazing opportunities for growth to myself and others. Then again, so have travel and cooking and work and so many other pursuits. But we don't write about those the way we write about sports.

What I've felt for the last week and a half, culminating in what I witnessed on Saturday night across the Ghetto, changed everything.

I will always remember the rush I felt, watching on the TV at work with a University of Dayton alumnus on Thursday, when the Flyer defense stopped the Buckeyes short of making a game-winning bucket and sent us to the second round of the big dance.

I'll remember marveling, bolting upright in my chair at a friend's house on Stonemill, the moment I realized we could beat Syracuse. I will remember the tension in the final seconds of that game that seemed to stretch the seconds into hours, which snapped with a buzzer and cheers across campus.

I felt these things, and other people throughout the UD community felt them too. Why we reacted in this way to a team from our school scoring a few more points a little faster than the other team did escapes me, but I don't care anymore. What's important is that for seemingly no practical reason at all, it produced an emotion, and that's an amazing thing.

In 10 years, the score from Saturday's game won't matter. I'd argue it didn't matter the moment the buzzer rang and students raised their voices in celebration.

What do matter now are the feelings that the win generated.

The pictures of the men's basketball team, our classmates, celebrating on the court after the buzzer, and the

look of genuine excitement on their faces. Freshman guard Kyle Davis standing over his teammate, senior forward Devin Oliver, shaking him as if to prove he wasn't dreaming. Those images matter.

The joyfulness of the celebration on campus, as what seemed like the entire neighborhood rushed into the streets, and the friendliness of complete strangers, more so even than on move-in weekend. That built community, and that matters.

The knowing smiles of the alumni spending the evening on campus, taking comfort in the familiarity of the scene and relieved by its peacefulness. Those feelings matter.

President Dan Curran, stepping out of a student's car in the thick of the crowd on Kiefaber, students lifting him into the air as they chanted "Dr. Dan! Dr. Dan!" That act, that show of solidarity, matters.

What matters is that we felt these things, and we felt them together. That's community building in the purest sense. It's not about who wins or loses but about how those outcomes make people feel and the memories that they create.

Why do we care about a game? I don't know. But we write about it because we do.

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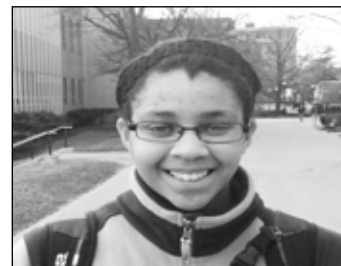
## Word on the street...

Where do you plan on watching the game on Thursday?



"I'll most likely be at the Hangar. The Red Scare did a great job with their last game time party there."

MIKE DIBUCCI  
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"I'll be on duty as an RA, but I still plan on finding a way to watch it even if it means watching the game on my phone."

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"After I move my car, I'm going to watch the game at my house. I live on the 400 block of Kiefaber so I'm right in the middle of it all."

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# We showed the nation who we are



STEVE MALONEY  
Columnist, Senior

Embrace this moment. Embrace this feeling. Remember it. Realize we belong here.

When the University of Dayton men's basketball team was designated as an 11 seed in this year's NCAA tournament, I was pleasantly surprised, but I think we can all admit that even 11 was generous, given our tournament resume.

Sure, we can talk about how the tournament committee didn't want us playing a home game in the First Four at UD Arena, or that we were set up for failure with a first round matchup with a Big 10

opponent, Ohio State.

But when you scratch under the surface of the situation, you might begin to realize that all of this just makes sense. This is the team of second chances.

Let's start with the OSU game. You've got the obvious battle for Ohio between David and Goliath (as far as student population goes). You've got Jordan Sibert, an OSU transfer, having a chance to revamp his collegiate career and show the Buckeyes he belongs on the big stage.

And then of course there's UD head coach Archie Miller battling his former superior, Thad Matta.

It's a match made for the tournament, and it undoubtedly lived up to the hype.

I was watching the game at my house on the 400 block of Kiefaber and I thought it was so cool when Aaron Craft missed that heave and people ran out of their houses to high-five and cheer. After imme-

diately consuming a celebratory beverage, I didn't think it could get much better. Boy was I wrong.

The couple days before our bout with Syracuse, I was still running off the euphoria of beating OSU, a school I've never liked. It just felt so great and so right. As the Saturday evening game approached, my friends and I started to compare the two teams.

The conclusion was similar to that of the previous game: UD needs to play very well, while Syracuse needs to play sub-par basketball.

In my opinion, that's exactly what happened. The composure and heart the Flyers exhibited for 40 minutes was inspiring, and while the talent of the Orange was without question at a higher level, we learned that talent alone doesn't win games in March.

This team has been admittedly tough to watch at certain points this season. For a while, it seemed

like coach Miller just closed his eyes and picked five guys to put on the court with the way they played. But that's all in the past.

A group of close-knit guys who were counted out before the tournament even started taught us to love Dayton basketball again. I love seeing Matt Kavanaugh playing well after getting a second chance.

Vee Sanford is obviously doing big things after transferring from Georgetown. These guys have been brought together for a reason, and we are seeing it all unfold in front of our eyes.

We've already made national headlines not only with our wins on the court, but our style of celebration on campus. Looking back, that feeling of beating OSU pales in comparison to the jubilation and adrenaline this campus generated after defeating Syracuse.

My roommates and I were lucky enough to have the celebration on

our front lawn, and during the festivities, as many people would later say, I have never been more proud to go to this university.

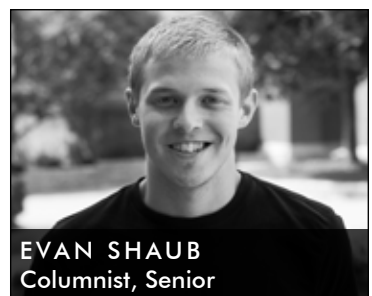
We showed the country who we are. We showed people that we can hang with the best, and that we have the best school president by far in Daniel J. Curran. Get ready for Thursday, UD, and let's beat the Stanford Cardinal.

And I pray to the dear Lord that we might celebrate in similar fashion, although hopefully with less pepper spray.

## Word of the Week:

community (n.) - a group of individuals in a given area

# UD's reputation in good hands after win



EVAN SHAUB  
Columnist, Senior

Christmas season is no longer the most wonderful time of the year - the fourth week in March is now its rewarding replacement.

For the first time in 30 long years, the University of Dayton men's basketball team is in the Sweet 16 after successfully pulling off two close wins in a row.

Oh, how sweet it is.

Every once in a while mid-majors get a chance to prove themselves on the biggest stage of collegiate sports, and this year the Flyers are the mid-major school doing just that.

This is a turn of events no one saw coming and it has caused a huge disruption to countless brackets across the nation. T-shirt advertisements for UD being the "bracket buster" are beginning to saturate social media.

According to ESPN's tournament challenge, out of the 11 million or more brackets that were

filled out, only 0.4 percent predicted a Dayton-Stanford matchup in the Sweet 16. Shocking, right?

This has inevitably led to a massive amount of free publicity, which is priceless for a university seeking to bandage its reputation after previous incidents.

The UD basketball team is mak-

ing our degree worth more simply because we keep winning.

time I meet a potential employer from here on out, those that didn't know about our school before will probably know exactly where the University of Dayton is and what we're all about.

That could be a direct result of what our basketball team is doing.

For those reasons, what this

should remember that similar teams have made Elite 8 and final four runs before. A team doesn't necessarily need NBA prospects to reach the national championship. It takes strong will from the athletes and thorough preparation from the coaching staff to ensure success and survival in the bracket.

coaching job and he made the final four for the first time in his third year as head coach.

The Flyers are not so different themselves. Dayton is Archie's first head coaching job as well, and this is his third season at the school. Steven's was 33 when he coached Butler to its first Final Four. Miller is 35.

The lowest seed to ever win the tournament was Villanova, who was an eight seed in 1985. Since that point in March Madness history there have only been three 11 seeds that have made the final four: LSU in 1986, George Mason in 2006 and Virginia Commonwealth University in 2011.

Hopefully this year the Flyers can be the fourth team to reach and hopefully win the tournament.

Doing so may help strengthen and preserve the reputation of this university as a place where valuing togetherness yields true success.

All we can do as students is enjoy this time. We should be proud of what our team has done and root for them to keep winning.

Even if they don't win, the UD men's basketball team has done more for this school than they know.

**"Even if they don't win, the UD men's basketball team has done more for this school than they know."**

EVAN SHAUB  
Senior, Communication

means for our school cannot be undersold. Being the lead story on SportsCenter cannot be undersold either.

High school students who might not have considered Dayton prior to our entrance into the Sweet 16 may see that clip of Dr. Curran crowd-surfing on ESPN and have second thoughts about both the academic and campus environment.

While many people think the Flyers can't keep winning, they

Take Butler, for example.

Butler made it to the national championship game in 2011 out of the eight seed and had 15 losses in the Horizon League during that season.

They got there because they had good players who were undervalued and because they were extremely well-coached by Brad Stevens, who is now the head coach of the Celtics in the NBA.

Butler was Steven's first head





# Archie Miller, Dayton sign contract extension

STEVEN WRIGHT  
Sports Editor

University of Dayton men's basketball head coach Archie Miller signed a contract extension through the 2018-2019 season, announced by the university Monday, March 24, in a press release.

The contract was originally signed in February, but Miller asked the university not to release the information until after the regular season.

"I'm very happy to be at a place that gave me a chance, 32 years old with no wins or losses, a little blind faith," Miller said. "To be here right now is sort of the trust that [UD president] Dr. [Daniel] Curran and [UD Vice President/Director of Athletics Time Wabler] have. I'm very happy, and our staff loves it here. It's a great place to be the coach; it's a great place to work. The community is unlike any I've been in. I'm really excited."

Wabler said discussions between the two began December 23, 2013. Both parties were said to have shown the same vision for the program's future, but they decided to wait to sign the contract until later

in the season.

"We have the opportunity of watching and working with Archie within these walls, you see how he approaches the business 365 days of the year and that decision was a no-brainer," Wabler said. "It was very easy to stay with him."

The reason behind the Monday announcement came about because of the decreased amount of disruption it could cause stemming from the growing publicity from the school's first appearance in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament since 1984, according to Wabler.

"Archie didn't want to take anything away from the team and his approach with the team," he said. "It's very similar to what we do when we're introducing the players before game. It's all about the team. All he wanted to focus on was the team...he didn't want anything to disrupt it. But now there's enough disruptions that it makes sense at this point and time to go ahead and announce versus waiting another couple weeks."

In his third year as head coach at Dayton, Miller is 62-37 and has led UD to 25 wins this season, the fourth most by any team in school

history.

Miller said Monday was the time to announce the extension to show off his solid grounding to be at Dayton as rampant coaching move rumors begin.

"We talked a long time about it," Miller said. "It's just good to make sure everybody knows that this is the place and this is the time right now. The deal didn't just get talked about 24 hours ago; it's been a long process. Like I said, I'm very fortunate to work with the people that I work with."

Redshirt junior guard Jordan Sibert, who was recruited by Miller to The Ohio State University in 2011 and then again at Dayton after announcing his intention to transfer in April 2012, said he is excited to hear about Miller's commitment.

"He deserves it," Sibert said. "From the beginning to the end, he's never lost faith in us. He's always kept the same momentum telling us to stay together and be a true team and I just feel like he deserves it. He definitely deserves it."

No further details of the contract were disclosed, and Wabler said everything included in it will play out over time.



UD men's basketball coach Archie Miller speaks to reporters during a press conference the day before a third round NCAA tournament game against Syracuse University, Friday, March 21, in Buffalo, N.Y. UD announced on March 24, that Miller's contract has been renewed through the 2018-2019 season for an undisclosed amount. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/PHOTO EDITOR

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# Stanford, Elite 8 hopes await UD in Memphis

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There are no small games anymore.

Buffalo, N.Y., can only be seen in the rearview mirror, with Memphis, Tenn., dead ahead as the next stop for the University of Dayton men's basketball team in the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament.

UD, a No. 11 seed in the South Region and fresh off a pair of upsets over No. 6 The Ohio State University and No. 3 Syracuse University, takes on another double-digit seed, No. 10 Stanford University, Thursday, March 27, at 7:15 p.m., at the FedEx Forum in the Sweet 16.

The Cardinal pulled off its own pair of upsets, defeating Mountain West Conference champion and No. 7 seed New Mexico University before taking down No. 2 seed Kansas University to make its way into the second weekend of play.

"We've got our work cut out for us with Stanford," head coach Archie Miller said. "I think at this time of year, regardless who you play, you're going to catch a really good team that's hot. And for us, we have to sort of come back down out of the

clouds a little bit."

Junior guard Chasson Randle, who averages 18.7 points per game and shoots 39.6 percent from the 3-point line, leads Stanford. Senior forward Dwight Powell is the team's primary post player at 6-foot, 10-inches, averaging 13.9 points this season, as well as a team leading 3.1 assists.

Against Kansas in the third round, Stanford controlled the game for the majority of the second half. Like Dayton, Stanford needed its opponent to miss a three-pointer at the buzzer to advance to the next round.

"Stanford does some things that will present some problems," said redshirt senior center Matt Kavanaugh. "They obviously beat a really good Kansas team. We're going to need to have a good week of practice and really bring our 'A' game to beat them."

Much like the Syracuse game, Dayton will face a 2-3 zone defense. Kavanaugh said it is helpful the team already has one game under its belt against that type of defense in the tournament.

Dayton has done a formidable job avoiding outside distractions involved with playing in the tournament. Miller said it's been among

the team's top priorities during preparation for each game, and he's primarily let others compliment his squad as long as the team sticks to its focused approach on a daily basis.

"I think it's impossible to try and block the outside, but why should we recreate anything that doesn't need to be there," Miller said. "What we've done so far has worked... I know we'll be excited and all that, but at the end of the day, [our approach is] what has made us get here or sort of made us the team that we are right now... I don't want to change that."

However, Miller said the growing publicity surrounding the team has made him and his staff get on players to buckle down and concentrate.

"There's just so much hype and media and the talk around you, I'm just really excited to get a hold of them again," Miller said. "I think that's a big part of what we need to do. We need to get back to work and just kind of be who we've been and we'll prepare to go to Memphis and play to win."

Archie Miller said he hasn't talked to his brother, Sean Miller, the head coach at the University of Arizona, about playing Stanford, which

is in the Pacific-12 Conference along with Arizona.

"He's not going to get into Stanford with me," Miller said. "[I] haven't gotten a chance to really talk to anybody except for you guys."

Stanford is the third team from the Pac-12 UD has faced this season. The Flyers split the first two contests. The first was an 82-64 victory over the University of California, Berkeley, during the EA SPORTS Maui Invitational's third place game. The other was a loss - a buzzer beating shot at home against the University of Southern California in overtime December 22.

Buzzer-beaters are nothing new to UD this year, especially in the NCAA tournament. The Ohio State University senior guard Aaron Craft and Syracuse University freshman guard Tyler Ennis both had a final chance for their respective teams to end Dayton's season with shots for the win as time expired in the second and third rounds. Neither went down, which Miller said helps his team in those late game pressure situations.

"Very few teams walked into the pressure cooker that we did, playing Ohio State with the in-state media

buzz, playing Syracuse in Buffalo," he said. "We were able to really battle. We were able to fight. To be able to come out on top in both of those games, that alone should give us confidence as we move into the next one, that what we're doing is working. Could have [gone] either way."

Those shots went Dayton's way, and because of it, the team has advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time in 30 years. Now two games away from its first Final Four appearance since 1967, Kavanaugh said the drop off between teams gets smaller the further they advance.

Dayton and Stanford, seeded 11th and 10th respectively in their regions, will only be the second matchup between those two seeds in the tournament's history. Virginia Commonwealth University, the 11-seed, won that game and went on to the Final Four in 2011.

UD is ready to try to make it two-for-two, but Kavanaugh said to throw the seeds out the window at this stage of the tournament.

"In the NCAA tournament, everybody comes ready to play," Kavanaugh said. "It's just the pieces fell in that sort of way and the seeding really doesn't matter anymore."



After two challenging matchups for the Flyers, they will take on the Stanford Cardinal this Thursday, March 27, at 7:15 p.m. The game will be broadcast on CBS. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/PHOTO EDITOR





## Women's Basketball

# Flyers' season ends after untimely NCAA exit

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The University of Dayton women's basketball team couldn't capitalize on the March magic swirling around UD's campus.

The No. 6 seed Flyers failed to advance past the first round of the 2014 NCAA tournament with an 83-69 loss at the hands of the No. 11 seed University of Florida, Sunday, March 23, at the Bryce Jordan Center in State College, Pa.

The Flyers are now 2-5 all-time in the NCAA tournament under head coach Jim Jabir, who guided UD to the team's first tournament appearance in program history following the 2010 season.

The Flyers advanced past the first round in 2010 and 2013.

Before the first-round game against the Gators, Jabir said the team's goal was to advance past the first weekend of play and into the Sweet 16. The milestone has eluded the Flyers despite the team's regular season success.

"I think it would be disappointing if we don't have at least a chance of getting through this weekend and playing another weekend," Jabir said. "That's been the goal of the program. That's the next logical step to take."

Foul trouble and poor defensive rebounding created a roadblock for the Flyers, who looked to take that "next logical step."

After a layup in transition from sophomore guard Amber Deane, Dayton seemed to be controlling the pace of play and built a 12-point lead with 15:12 remaining in the game. The lead was the largest at the time for either side, but it didn't last long. Florida began to close the cap and dominate play for the remainder of the game.

From the 15-minute mark on, UF outscored Dayton 47-21.

"The first three quarters of the game, it looked like we were in control and we were playing pretty well and then we hit a bump and we lost our composure," Jabir said.

The bump Jabir referred to could be any number of possessions where UF's aggressiveness on the offensive glass, or its success in getting uncontested layups in transition led to easy buckets for the Gators.

Either way, UD had no answer for UF in the second half.

"I'm very disappointed about that five-to-six minute span in the second half that defined the end of our season," Jabir said. "We've had trouble all year playing consistently tough in

stretches and it did us really hard today at a really inopportune time."

Florida's guards scored in transition seemingly at will, as Dayton's defense, which held UF to 29 points in the first half, gave up 54 in the second.

"It was a lot of little things, but I think it comes back to their guy has the ball, throws a fake, drives the lane, and our guy is not there to take them on," Jabir said. "It's just not good enough. We gave them wide-open lanes and that's not acceptable."

The Flyers were out-rebounded 41-26 for the game, including the 15 offensive boards Florida grabbed, which added crucial extra possessions down the stretch.

Junior guard Andrea Hoover finished the game with a team-high 22 points but couldn't find her groove in the second half, where she scored seven.

Foul trouble plagued the Flyers throughout the afternoon as senior center Cassie Sant and junior forward Ally Malott had their minutes severely limited by fouls early in the first half. When they returned in the second, UF hindered Dayton's inside attack by doubling the post.

"They were definitely a really physical team and they just drove it into us

and got our posts into foul trouble really early," said Hoover. "We just didn't answer as best as we could today and they capitalized."

The Flyers finish the year with a record of 23-8, which includes a regular season Atlantic 10 Conference championship.



TOP: Despite a game-high 22 points and four rebounds by UD junior guard Andrea Hoover, the Flyers couldn't match up to the No. 11 seed University of Florida. BOTTOM: Junior forward Ally Malott (11) and senior center Cassie Sant (33) survey the UF offense during their 83-69 loss in the first round of the NCAA tournament, Sunday, March 23, at the Bryce Jordan Center in State College, Pa. PHOTOS COURTESY OF STEVE TRESSLER

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# Dancing in the street: UD celebrates win, prepares for next game

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What many local media organizations are calling a “riot,” University of Dayton students and some officials are calling a safe celebration, for the most part.

An estimated 1,500 UD students gathered in the Ghetto following a 55-53 win against Syracuse University in Buffalo, N.Y. Saturday night, said UD chief of police Bruce Burt. As seen across social media platforms, students chanted and cheered as they celebrated the Flyers’ victory and move into the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

University of Dayton Public Safety and Dayton Police Department officers arrived on scene shortly after the Flyers juiced the Orange to ensure students celebrated in a safe manner, Burt said. Officers were dressed in “personal protective gear” and stood for four hours in the streets until students dispersed at 1 a.m.

“The concern is creating a balance between celebration and safety,” Burt said. “I want to celebrate as well, I’m a huge Flyers fan, but students start crossing the line when they throw objects like beer cans, light fires, and jump on cars.”

Burt said he was displeased students had resorted to burning furniture, a “tradition” which frequently occurred during celebratory moments in the past.

“Arson is not a tradition,” he said. “We just don’t tolerate it.”

There were at least five minor injuries with one person transported to the hospital, according to an of-

ficial statement released by the university Sunday. Celebrations ended for five participants, four of which were UD students, when they were arrested on scene, Burt said.

“There are a small number of people facing consequences for their actions on Saturday night – whether it be throwing objects, damaging property, etc.,” Burt said. “But I think we’ve been clear this year that we will not tolerate unsafe behavior in the community.”

UD President Dan Curran, who crowd-surfed and posed in numerous student “selfies,” sent an email to students Monday expressing his “disappointment” with irresponsible celebratory behavior.

“As a whole, I think it was a very positive event and I had a lot of fun,” Curran said. “It started concerning me when bottles were thrown and as outside community members starting coming in.”

He said he appreciated students stepping in to intervene when issues arose as he celebrated in the Ghetto for two hours.

Assistant dean of students Chris Schramm said she wouldn’t call Saturday’s events a “riot,” but more of a celebratory event.

“We couldn’t be more excited and proud of our men’s basketball team,” she said. “What happened on Saturday was the result of the community wanting to be together – like St. Patrick’s Day.”

Katie Gaugler, a freshman accounting major, said she felt Saturday night showed support for the team.

“Saturday night will be one of my favorite memories of the year,” Gaugler said. “The students showed a lot of spirit and support, and I

loved how quickly all of us were able to come together to celebrate such a big win for the basketball team.”

One student said he felt the celebrations on Saturday night happened for a good reason.

“So many people I know, from relatives to friends at other schools, are rallying behind the Flyers,” Tim Carroll, a senior English major, said. “Even sweeter though is that Flyer-faithful who have stood by this team for years finally have our moment in the spotlight. As a senior graduating in May, I could not have dreamed a better exclamation point to round out what has been four wonderful years at UD.”

Gabe Macis, a senior accounting major and a resident of Kiefaber Street, said he felt “riot” wasn’t the correct way to describe Saturday night.

“I don’t think it was too out of control,” he said. “I don’t think it was a ‘riot,’ it was just all the UD students coming together and celebrating a special moment. From what I know and saw the only reason why people got in trouble was because the police instigated it. It’s a shame because some people were having a responsible, good time.”

Burt said he’s hopeful students will celebrate responsibly as the Flyers take on Stanford University Thursday in Memphis.

“We are all hoping for a win, but I’m not hoping for another repeat of Saturday night,” Burt said. “It’s not going to happen. At the first sign of property damage, fire or unsafe celebration, it will be shut down.”

Burt added they will be maximizing staffing on Thursday and coordinating efforts with DPD. S1 and S2 lots will be open beginning at 5 p.m.

on Thursday should students want to move their cars to a safe location, he said.

In preparation for Thursday, Schramm said Welcome Arena will be rented out to “facilitate and foster” a safe way to view the game beginning at 6 p.m. She said transportation will also be available.

Burt said alcohol will not be available at the arena.

“What’s better than watching the game together? That’s honestly part of the fun,” Schramm said. “Students get excited and we love that. March Madness is named pretty appropriately.”

Curran agreed it would be a great opportunity to share in the community spirit.

“I just think it would be so cool to be able to watch the game in the arena,” he said. “It would really be a great event for the community, and one that would be only for the University of Dayton community.”

Curran, who will be out of the country during the game, said he’s optimistic about Thursday – both the outcome of the game and student response.

“I, of course, want to wish the best of luck to our men’s basketball team...I know they’ll do a great job,” Curran said. “And I know no matter the outcome of that game, I trust our students will celebrate responsibly.”

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Thousands of students poured into the Ghetto, especially on Kiefaber Street, to celebrate the Flyers' first trip to the Sweet 16 in more than 30 years. PHOTOS BY IAN MORAN AND SAN KUMAR

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